

thought! It is the privilege of each child of God, but it means a great battle before it can be fully realized.

The letter, which has been purposely withheld until now, is here published in full. We know of no better and more appropriate way of closing this very imperfect sketch of a noble man than by placing before the reader the thought which was the theme of his meditation as the spirit quietly and peacefully took its departure:

The key to the epistle to the Colossians is found in the second chapter and tenth verse, says Dr. Pierson. "Ye are complete in him." To me this is one of the sweetest statements in the word of God too.

No one can enjoy security and settledness of the Christ life until he sees how Christ secures every thing for him. In the first chapter of the book Paul tells us some things that he has accomplished for us.

In verse 12 he hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Much of the zest and joy in life and especially the active work for Christ is lost thru losing sight of a splendid future inheritance. But it is secured for us. Many fear they won't be fit for it, as they say. O put away your fear! Christ has made us fit. How comforting! It does not depend upon me. It is not my work.

Verse 13. He hath delivered us from the power of darkness. And he is the only deliverance from the power of darkness too. O how many are in its chains. At one door, 'Free Lecture concerning Spiritualism.' Fine body of children gathered singing as at Sunday School, but not the same songs, at another. Cure by "Mental suggestion," next Christian Science. *Power of Darkness*. But He hath delivered us from it. O soul in perplexity and fear and doubt take time. Go to Christ. Search his word. He will most certainly deliver.

And then in the same verse, He hath transplanted us into his kingdom where we are especial objects of his care.

In verse 14, We have redemption thru his blood. We may think and wonder and meditate on this great fact and never get thru with it. But this much. When we have nothing to offer to blot out our sin before God, nothing that we can do to find peace under an awakening sense of guilt and sin, we can know that his shed blood has made it all right before God. *Complete in Him*. Come let us home close to him.

The funeral services were in charge of brother W. H. Miller, in the North Manchester Brethren church, assisted by Brethren Fisher and Wright.

### An Immediate Need

Our mission in Chicago is in need of funds. The treasury is empty, and already overdrawn. Surely this is not as it should be. The years past have demonstrated that the church is abundantly able to support, and support well its missions. During a period when times were less prosperous than now the church supported its mission in Washington and Chicago, and did it heartily as unto the Lord. Now that the mission in Washington is almost self-supporting and, since the purchase of the Chicago church and parsonage the expense of maintaining the mission in that city has been reduced, it would seem that the church has swung back into a state savoring somewhat of indifference. The history of the church in our own as well as in other lands verifies the statement that every wave of material prosperity is followed by a cooling of religious fervor. We had hoped however that this should not be the case with the Brethren church.

The necessity of these constant appeals for the support of our missions in these times of almost unparalleled material prosperity does not speak well for the church, and we trust that there may be a return to our former zeal for the support of this work. Every congregation in the brother-

hood should have regular missionary days, days when the pastor is expected to preach missionary sermons, and when the needs of our own missions receive special attention. This would assure both larger and surer returns into the treasury, and as a result enable the Board to plan for larger and better work. We are not complaining of the liberality (or lack of liberality) of our people. It must be said that they have been very generous in their response to the calls of the Board both for the Washington and the Chicago church buildings, but of late there has not been that hearty support of the work becoming a gospel alone church. Let us pray and work for a little more of that holy zeal and divine enthusiasm, that missionary spirit which characterized the church of Christ in its earlier days. The spirit of self and vain glory must be entirely eliminated as factors in all our missionary labors. Not merely the strengthening of our own church or any one church dare be the ruling motive of our hearts, but love for the cause for which the church stands and of which it is an earnest and uncompromising advocate. Love for and the salvation of lost souls, the prosperity and peace of Zion, the enlargement of the kingdom of God in the world, the hastening of the coming reign of the triumphant Christ in all the fullness of God, this is the motive that should rule the heart, and is it not sufficient to stir the soul of every lover of Zion and of the Lord Jesus to the very highest point of missionary activity?

Let us dismiss from our minds at once and forever the idea that our missionaries are living a life of ease and pleasure. Joy there is in their labors, as joy there is in all service for the Master. The life of the missionary is a life of self-sacrifice, and it is not to the credit of any church to withhold from them that support necessary for the maintenance of the physical life. Think of our missionaries and their families; pray for them, work for them, and whether out of the abundance of your possessions, or from the mere pittance of your earnings, according to your own ability in material things, let there go something to gladden the hearts of those who give their time and life for the cause which should be as dear to us as it is to them. Faith in God and a desire for the glory of God are the prepondering factors in all of the labors of our missionaries and missionary Boards. Should any less worthy motive prompt us in their support?

Dear brethren, let us speedily relieve the needs of the Mission Board, and thru it the needs of our missionaries.

### Insurance Needed

The College building and boarding Hall should be insured at once. This property belongs to the church; the trustees have no money with which to insure. What shall we do? Not very long ago all the buildings of the Wooster University, in an adjoining county, were destroyed by fire. The loss was very heavy. We should carry at least \$20,000 on the two buildings. We want just 50 persons, societies or congregations to give us \$5 each. We must have \$250. The church here will take care of the balance. Respond at once on postal card stating the amount you wish to give. This is a matter of great importance. You want a share in this insurance.

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